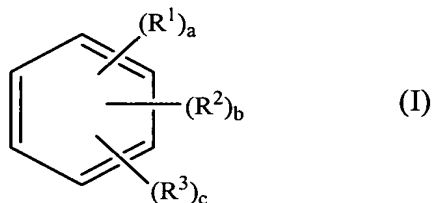


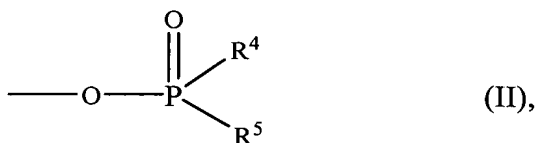
Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A phosphoric ester of the formula I

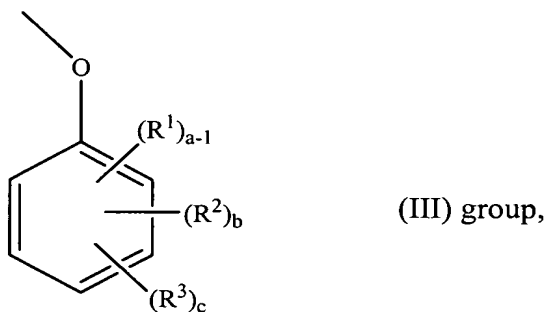


where

each R¹ is independently a group



R⁴ and R⁵ are each independently halogen, OR⁶, SR⁶, NR⁶R⁷ or a



R⁶ and R⁷ are each independently H, C₁-C₂₀-alkyl or C₂-C₄₀₀₀-alkyl which is interrupted by at least one moiety which is selected from O, S and NR⁸, and R⁶ and R⁷ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded may also form a ring, and R⁶ and R⁷ are also aryl, aralkyl or cycloalkyl; and

R⁸ is as defined for R⁶ and R⁷;

R² is a polyisobutene radical;

each R³ is independently OH, C₁-C₂₄-alkyl, C₁-C₂₄-alkoxy or halogen;

a and b are each a number from 1 to 3 and

c is a number from 0 to 4,
where the sum of a, b and c is from 2 to 6,
and salts thereof.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A The phosphoric ester as claimed in claim 1,
wherein a is 1.

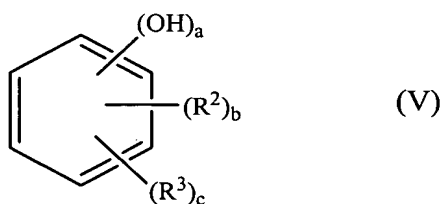
Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A The phosphoric ester as claimed in ~~either of claims~~
~~1 or 2~~ claim 1, wherein b is 1 or 2.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A The phosphoric ester as claimed in ~~any of the~~
~~preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein c is 0 or 1.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A The phosphoric ester as claimed in ~~any of the~~
~~preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein R^2 is a radical derived from a reactive polyisobutene.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A process for preparing a the phosphoric ester as
defined in ~~any of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, by comprising

a) reacting an aromatic hydroxyl compound of the formula V



where R^2 and R^3 and also a, b and c are each as defined ~~in any of claims 1 to 5~~ above
with a phosphorus oxide halide and

b) subsequently reacting the reaction product from step a) optionally with water, at least one alcohol, at least one thiol and/or at least one amine.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A phosphoric ester-containing composition ~~obtainable~~ obtained by

a) reacting an aromatic hydroxyl compound of the formula V ~~as defined in claim 6~~ with a phosphorus oxide halide and

b) subsequently reacting the reaction product from step a) optionally with water, at least one alcohol, at least one thiol and/or at least one amine.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~The use of phosphoric esters as defined in any of claims 1 to 5 or of a phosphoric ester-containing composition as defined in claim 7~~ A composition comprising the phosphoric ester as claimed in claim 1 wherein the composition is utilized for the surface modification of an organic or an inorganic material, as a corrosion inhibitor, as a friction modifier, as an emulsifier, as a dispersant, as an adhesion promoter, as a wetting agent, as a wetting inhibitor, as a volatilizing agents agent or as a printing ink additives additive.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~The use~~ The composition as claimed in claim 8, wherein R⁴ and R⁵ are each independently OR⁶, SR⁶ or NR⁶R⁷.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A fuel and lubricant additive comprising a ~~the phosphoric ester as defined in any of claims 1 to 5 or a phosphoric ester-containing composition as defined in claim 7~~ claim 1.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A fuel and lubricant composition comprising a main amount of a hydrocarbon fuel or of a lubricant and a the phosphoric ester as defined in ~~any of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1 or a phosphoric ester containing composition as defined in ~~claim 7~~ and also optionally at least one further additive.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): An additive concentrate comprising a the phosphoric ester as defined in ~~any of claims 1 to 5 or a phosphoric ester containing composition as defined in claim 7~~ claim 1 and at least one diluent and optionally at least one further additive.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A printing ink comprising a the phosphoric ester as defined in ~~any of claims 1 to 5 or a phosphoric ester containing composition as defined in claim 7~~ claim 1 and at least one colorant.

Claim 14 (New): A composition comprising the phosphoric ester as claimed in claim 7, wherein the composition is utilized for the surface modification of an organic or an inorganic material, as a corrosion inhibitor, as a friction modifier, as an emulsifier, as a dispersant, as an adhesion promoter, as a wetting agent, as a wetting inhibitor, as a volatilizing agent or as a printing ink additive.

Claim 15 (New): The composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein R^4 and R^5 are each independently OR^6 , SR^6 or NR^6R^7 .

Claim 16 (New): A fuel and lubricant additive comprising the phosphoric ester as defined in claim 7.

Claim 17 (New): A fuel and lubricant composition comprising a main amount of a hydrocarbon fuel or of the lubricant and the phosphoric ester as defined in claim 7 and also optionally at least one further additive.

Claim 18 (New): An additive concentrate comprising the phosphoric ester as defined in claim 7 and at least one diluent and optionally at least one further additive.

Claim 19 (New): A printing ink comprising the phosphoric ester as defined in claim 7 and at least one colorant.